

STATE OF MAINE

Docket No. 99-651

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

March 7, 2000

WINSTAR GATEWAY NETWORK, INC.
Request to Abandon Service

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO ABANDON
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On September 17, 1991, Winstar Gateway Services, Inc. (Winstar) filed a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1). In support of its request it states that it is discontinuing its long-distance services for residential customers. Winstar obtained authority to provide interexchange service in Maine on November 15, 1996, in Docket No. 96-320.

The request of to abandon service is granted, as there are a large number of competitive telephone utilities available to provide service to its former customers. Winstar has already provided notice to its customers of its abandonment of service. Winstar did not transfer its customers to another carrier.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 7th day of March, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent
Diamond

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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